



Jordan Yager

Jordan is the type of person who loves events and activities where there are many people. When he was in high school, Jordan was the basketball manager and many people throughout his community came to know Jordan through basketball events. He continues his love for sports today by participating in Special Olympics. Once Jordan graduated from high school he wanted what most people want: a job and a place he can live and call his own. Jordan receives services through the Medicaid Waiver due to his Downs Syndrome and therefore receives supports which allow him to explore the world of independence. Jordan also receives Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI).

Through the help of a job coach provided by the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, Jordan was able to acquire a position at the local Walmart. Jordan is not the typical associate states his supervisor, Sherry, rather he is a role model for all other employees. Jordan is always on time for work, very customer service oriented and well appreciated by his co-workers. Jordan's employer is very supportive of Jordan's other interests in life, such as Special Olympics, and is always willing to be flexible in his work schedule to accommodate him. In fact, when Walmart was approached about Jordan's schedule, so as not to put him at threat of losing SSDI benefits, they were very understanding and provided the documentation needed to explain the accommodations provided to Jordan to allow him to work.

When Jordan first began working at Walmart, he held the position as "people greeter". When his full potential was quickly realized he was moved into various departments where he "zones" which is to organize, prioritize placement of products and returns items to the correct location. Jordan truly loves the work he does and just celebrated his **6th year** which included a nice raise. Due to Jordan's job and the support of his employer as well as services provided through the Waiver, Jordan is learning to live independently in his own apartment, access public transportation to get to and from work, making new friends and most important to Jordan, enjoying people through work.